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In re application of

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Application Branch

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METHOD FOR EXTRACTING
FEATURE OF BINARY IMAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

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--3. (Amended) A method for extracting feature quantities of a binary image according to claim 1, further comprising a step of performing scanning one line of the image data to provide N pixels (N being an integer greater than or equal to 1) that follows an image area having a prescribed area number that has just terminated as semi-image areas of an adjacent image area.--